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- On 12 August 1954, the sound of cannons firing in the area north of the harbor was heard. On the morning of 13 August, four old naval vessels entered the harbor, anchored, and later moored at the long pier which runs in a north-south direction. That evening a towboat pulling a target arrived in the harbor. Two of the vessels had three stacks and the other two vessels had two stacks. All four vessels were equipped with radar. The radar mast was on the bridge and the scanner resembled "Rayton." The target was described as a raft with a row of frames on it.

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- The harbor oil pump is about 30 feet wide and long enough to handle two boats on one side of approximately 12,000 tons dead weight and three on the other side. Two Soviet tankers of about 12,000 tons dead weight came into the harbor, were loaded, and departed immediately. It was obvious that the Soviet vessels enjoyed a loading priority. The harbor agent said the Soviet vessels had taken on benzine (gasoline) for Batum.

- The Control Commission consisted of a few civilians and several officers and soldiers in green uniforms. The Chief of the Commission had three stars on his epaulettes.

The check was very thorough. All telescopes, cameras, weapons, and new objects were locked up. Also locked were the radar apparatus and the door to the radio transmitter room.

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- General shore passes were not issued.

The eleven men had to turn in their passports at the guard house and take receipts for them. When they came aboard again they turned in the receipts and got their passports back.

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